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Redevelopment Board Minutes 10/15/2007

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of October 15, 2007

Members Present: Christopher Loreti
Roland Chaput
Ed Tsoi
Andrew West
Bruce Fitzsimmons

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien
Laura Wiener
Joey Glushko
David Berry

Roland Chaput called the meeting to order at 7:05 and recognized Sandi Bourgeois, who, acting for the "existing neighborhood group", presented a list of nominees for membership on the Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee (SNAC). The paper, presented in order that the people applied for membership, listed Greg Jackmauh, BethAnn Friedman, Michelle Barry and Katie Kinnecom (who, it indicated, had officially withdrawn her name from consideration). The Board and the neighborhood group discussed why it was hard to get SNAC members. Kevin O'Brien asked if the list was in the order that the neighborhood group had ranked the candidates or in the order that they applied for consideration. Sandi Bourgeois replied that they were in order that the candidates applied, that they rank ordered them, but because there were fewer candidates than open positions they would not tell the ARB the rank ordering.

Bruce Fitzsimmons moved that Greg Jackmauh, BethAnn Friedman, and Michelle Barry be appointed to the Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee and that Kevin O'Brien be instructed to contact Katie Kinnecom and encourage her to re-apply. Chris Loreti seconded the motion and the Board voted 5 to 0 in favor.

Chris Loreti moved that the minutes of the October 1, 2007 meeting be accepted. Andrew West seconded the motion and the Board voted 5 to 0 in favor.

The Board next discussed Planning Dialog issues concentrating on the sign and storefront design assistance proposal and on sign bylaw issues.

At 8:45, the Board recessed to move to the Selectmen's Hearing Room to join the Selectmen's meeting. At 9:15 Roland Chaput introduced Ed Tsoi to the Selectmen. Ed Tsoi then explained the Mass. Ave. Revitalization Plan which proposes to provide design assistance to improve signs and storefronts in Arlington. Selectwomen Chrissa Rowe suggested that the effort be carefully coordinated with the Mass. Ave. reconstruction and with the committee investigating bus shelters. Ed Tsoi indicated that this was a small part of the efforts that the ARB is considering to aid the commercial areas in town. The Selectmen were generally supportive of the proposal and then voted to receive the report.

The Board then sat through the Selectmen's discussion about submitting the Local Initiative Project application to the State. The Selectmen voted to submit it contingent upon a \$150,000 payment from Symmes Redevelopment Associates.

The Board adjourned at 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin J. O'Brien